

Whitemouth Falls Provincial Park Public Consultation

Your Comments, Please!

The purpose of the Whitemouth Falls Provincial Park public consultation process is to obtain information and insight from the public into the proposal to amend the current park boundaries, including the proposed new addition on the north side of the Winnipeg River . What are your comments respecting the values and opportunities that will have to be considered during the development of draft Park Classification and Land Use Categories within the new boundaries? Please review the background information and use your own experience of the area to provide your comments respecting the topics listed below – or on other issues of importance to you (see the brochure for specifics regarding park Classifications and Land Use Categories). Please don't feel limited by the space on this sheet! Write or email to the address below.

Examples of the type of comments requested:

Park Role and Purpose:

The current provincial park role is: *to provide outdoor recreational opportunities and experiences in a natural setting*. Park purpose statements could include:

The park will:

- ❖ Provide picnicking and day use opportunities;
- ❖ Provide shoreline access for fishing and water-based recreational activities;
- ❖ Conserve and manage habitat for Manitoba's provincial bird, the Great Gray Owl.

Do you support these roles and purposes? Please explain, or suggest your own:

Boundaries:

- ❖ Do you feel the current boundary amendment proposal for the provincial park properly reflect the area's management needs as you see them? Please explain. Maps are provided in the brochure for your reference.

Classification and Land Use Categories:

- ❖ The existing Park Classification is Recreation Park - and the Land Use Category (LUC) is Recreational Development (RD) - on the sections of Whitemouth Provincial Park south of the Winnipeg River. The new section (north side of Winnipeg River) could involve establishment of either an RD or a Backcountry LUC to ensure habitat for the Great Gray Owl is maintained over time. The transmission line, Hydro severance and access, and any future development of a parking /interpretive node along the highway could not be included in a Backcountry LUC, and an Access or RD LUC would have to be considered for these areas. As well, the park classification could be changed to Natural Park to reflect the changes in its role arising from the proposed addition. What do you think?

Other ideas you would like to see used to guide the management of this area:

Thank You for Participating!

The return of this form and any additional comments - to Parks staff at a drop-in open house or by mail - is requested by **August 26, 2005**. The inclusion of your mailing address will allow us to send all future information directly to you.

Please mail to:

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